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﴿and those whose hearts are hardened﴾ and they are not influenced by rebukes or reminders, and they do not understand what Allah and His Messengers say, because of their hardheartedness. When they hear that which the Shayṭân throws in, they use it to support their arguments and opposition to Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ). Hence Allah says:

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﴿And so that those who were given knowledge may know that it [the Qur'an] is the truth from your Lord﴾ because Allah has blessed them with knowledge through which they recognise the truth as distinct from falsehood, and guidance as distinct from misguidance. So they distinguish between the two matters – established truth that Allah confirms and makes precise, and falsehood of a temporary nature that Allah cancels out – on the basis of indications that are available for both, so that they may know that Allah is Most Wise; He decrees some types of tests so as to show what is hidden in people's hearts of good and evil.

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